HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by	: Brown C

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to express the Indiana House of Representatives support for the U.S. troops currently serving Iraq, as well as those that have previously served, and those that have been killed or wounded during such service, and their families; and further expressing the House of Representatives deep concern with regard to President Bush's proposed plan to increase the United States' military presence in Iraq by 21,500 troops.

Whereas, more than 137,000 United States military personnel, including many from Indiana, are bravely and honorably serving in Iraq and deserve the support of all Hoosiers and all Americans; and

Whereas, the people of Indiana will always honor the honor and sacrifices of the American soldiers who have died or been wounded in combat in Iraq, including the more than 3,000 United States military personnel who have died in Iraq and the more than 22,500 who have been wounded; and

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Whereas, on January 10, 2007 President George W. Bush announced his plan to increase the United States military involvement in Iraq, by deploying approximately 21,500 additional United States combat forces to Iraq; and

Whereas, the Indiana House of Representatives hereby expresses its deep concern regarding the President's plan to increase the number of American troops in Iraq, in part due to the impact on the available federal resources required to provide for the urgent needs of the most vulnerable portions of the American population, including the need to provide for the health, education, and homeland security of the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, polls show that greater than 60% of Americans oppose sending additional American troops to Iraq, which indicates that the majority of Americans share this House's concerns with increasing U.S. troop levels in Iraq at this time; Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives supports the U.S. troops currently serving Iraq, as well as those that have previously served and those that have been killed or wounded during such service, and their families.

SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses its deep concern with regard to President Bush's proposed plan to increase the United States military presence in Iraq by 21,500 troops.

SECTION 3. That the State of Indiana, its elected leaders and its citizens have a responsibility to highlight the implications of sending additional troops to Iraq, and the resulting impact on available federal resources, which are urgently needed by the most vulnerable portions of the American population in the State of Indiana and other states within the United States.

SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to George W. Bush, President of the United States, and members of the Indiana

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Congressional delegation.

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